are in great demand in foreign countries, if so, the names of the countries; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned through exports of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). For boosting export of fruits & Vegetables, which are produced in abundance in India, Government is taking promotional steps through various developmental bodies such as Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for marketing development, product promotion, quality upgradation, improvement in packaging, arranging buyer-seller meets, participation in international trade fairs, etc. Besides, Government has also granted higher Exim Scrips to select horticultural commodities.

(c) and (d). Indian fruits & Vegetables are being exported to West Asia, UK and Europe etc. and the foreign exchange earned is as under:

1988-89	:	Rs. 163.85 crores
1989-90	:	Rs. 208.05 crores
1990-91	:	Rs. 217.29 crores

(Source: DGCIS Foreign Trade Statistics)

[English]

Delimitation of constituencies in Delhi

726. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR YADAV:
SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:
SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delimitation of the Assembly constituencies in Delhi is to be completed before the ensuing Assembly elections; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delimitation is to be done on the basis of the provisional figures of the population as published in relation to 1991 census. The Election Commission has received the relevant maps and published census data from Registrar General and Census Commissioner only on 26th February, 1992. Necessary further action is being taken by the Election Commission.

[Translation]

Implementation of Official Language Policy in Nationalised Banks

728. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh where the number of staff is twenty five or more than that;

(b) the number of bank branches out of them where official language implementation committee has been constituted and its regular quarterly meetings are held; and

(c) the number of bank branches where inspection has been conducted to see that

whether the official language policy is being followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). As per information made available by the 20 nationalised banks, the requisite information is as follows:

(a) 443

(b) 389

(c) 310

Fund for Welfare of Defence Personnel

729. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to create a separate fund for the welfare of jawans and officers of Defence services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ballot Papers for Armed Forces Personnel

730. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that ballot papers meant for Army, Navy and Air Force personnel are always dispatched late and these personnel are not able to cast their votes as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the total number of personnel in each wing who could not exercise their franchise during the last general elections;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any step in this regard to ensure the dispatch of ballot papers in such cases in time so that the service personnel can cast their votes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The ballot papers meant for the Defence Service voters are normally despatched to them by the concerned Service authorities within 24 hours of their receipt from the respective Returning Officers. However, sometimes there are delays in despatch of ballot papers to the Service Officers due to unavoidable circumstances viz., the late receipt of ballot papers from the Returning Officers, inadequate/ erroneous details of the voters etc.

(b) No details are available with the respective authorities regarding the number of voters who could not exercise their franchise during the last General Elections (May-June 1991).

(c) to (e). Instructions are issued from time to time to the concerned Service authorities to timely complete all formalities, including the registration of voters and the despatch of postal ballot papers to Service personnel. The Election Commission have also been requested by the Ministry of De-